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Introductory Comments

In response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated December 18, 2007, please amend this application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 62 of this paper. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 10-14, 16, 18, 19, 21, 23, 26, 27, 29-31 and 43 are currently pending in the application and are subject to the 15-way restriction set forth in the Examiner's action, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

Applicants hereby elect Group III claims, with traverse, drawn to compounds, and compositions of Formula I wherein $Q = CH_2-CO_2R^6$; A_1, A_2 and $A_3 = O, CH_2, S$; E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4 and $E_5 = CH$ or substituted with R^3 ; R^1 and R^2 are H or alkyl; $Y =$ a bond, alkyl and $Z =$ phenyl/naphthyl-T-pyrimidyl wherein T is a single bond, C or O. Applicants elect the species of Example 53, 3-{2-Methyl-4-[3-(2-pyridin-2-yl-4-trifluoromethyl-phenoxy)-butoxy]-phenyl}-propionic acid solely for searching purposes as required by the Examiner. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to claim non-elected subject matter.

Applicants provide herein a preliminary amendment to Claim 1 with current listing of the claims and remarks to support the traversal of the present restriction grouping.

Applicants respectfully note their timely election in response to the first restriction requirement dated December 18, 2007. Applicants wish to note the timely responses for purposes of any applicable patent term adjustment for the present application.